

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERYL, UTAH FEBRUARY 11, 1981

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Meeting opened by Donald C. Norseth of State Office. A brief outlook of WATER RIGHTS water conditions in the area was presented.

Minutes of meeting held February 11, 1980 was read by Mike Brown. Motion was made by Richard Jones to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Robert Holt. Motion carried.

Mr. Norseth reviewed the financial statement of the company. Balance on hand January 1, 1980 - \$1,122.13. Receipts - \$2,870.73. Expenditures \$3,436.21. Leaving a balance on hand December 31, 1980 - \$556.65. The list of delinquent assessments was reviewed. New addresses of these delinquencies were reviewed. Motion made by Morley Wilson to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Heber Wayne Holt. Motion carried.

Mr. Brown then introduced Water Commissioner Grant Twitchell who gave the Commissioner's report. Copies of the Commissioners Annual Report was distributed. Surface water outlook is poor for the coming year as both Newcastle Reservoir and Enterprise Reservoir are dry with little snowpack on watershed.

Pumping of underground water is diminishing each year due to wet winters and additional sprinkling systems installed.

Some meters are not working. Mr. Twitchell has some parts available.

Mr. Brown next called attention to establishing a budget for the coming year. Commissioners salary and mileage were discussed. Operating expenses and mileage seemed to be the point of concern. With fuel costs and inflation its hard to continue at the present rate. Richard Jones moved that Commissioners salary be \$2,000.00 with traveling expense established at \$.35 per mile. Seconded by Lister Woods. Motion carried.

It was decided to budget \$200.00 for the preparation of annual report.

Sherwood Bracken made a motion to delete the \$160.00 previously paid to the Utah Water Users Association. A letter was to be sent to this association informing them that we want a state-wide Association, but feel that we are not at this time getting our monies worth. Motion was seconded by A. Morley Wilson; with a comment that the board contact the association. Money was to be budgeted for joining this association, but was to be withheld at this time. Motion carried.

With \$21.00 for misc. the new budget was accepted for the coming year at \$3,780.00.

Mike Brown presented a bill from Hans Chamberlain, Attorney, for legal fees and consultation about Ranchers Exploration pumping water out of the silver mine. A motion was presented by Robert Holt that this bill be divided among water users. The bill amounted to \$2,878.57 and was to be included in next years budget. Motion was seconded by Lister Woods. Before a vote was called for, much discussion ensued as to whether surface water users should be included in paying this bill and whether we should some for legal fees for the coming year.

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Enterprise Reservoir and Canal Co. and Newcastle Reservoir were the only surface users to be budgeted for this bill next year. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by A. Morley Wilson that the new commissioner be chosen by the board. Seconded by Lavon Randall. Motion carried.

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Mr. Norseth commented that many companies can foresee future problems and are budgeting a little for future legal battles and suggested we may look at something like this.

Nominations for board members were: Normand Laub  
Robert Holt  
Sherwood Bracken  
Lyman Huntsman

Two Positions on the board were to be filled.

Robert Holt and Sherwood Bracken were elected to the board.

Meeting adjourned.

A list of those attending is enclosed.

LJ/jmm

/s/ Lyle Jones

ADDENDUM: Water Users in Attendance:

Donald C. Norseth, State Engineers Office

Gerald W. Stoker, " " "

Arthur V. May, " " "

Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner

Roy Benson, U. S. Steel Corp.

Ross Harrison, Pinto Irrigation Co.

Albert Harrison, " " "

Mason Jones

Chester W. Whitelaw

Sherwood Bracken

LaVon Randall

Lyle Jones

Robert Holt

Jack E. Moyle

Dick Jones

H. Wayne Holt

Al Pedersen

Ruby H. Anderson

Nyal V. Bosshardt

Lewel Day

John Hafen

A Morley Wilson

Willard Pickering

Neal Bracken

LeRoy W. Adams

Clinton Bowler

Lyman Huntsman